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**Network and Computer System Security** )

**LETTER OF EXPRESS ABANDONMENT UPON FILING OF A CONTINUATION  
PATENT APPLICATION (September 27, 2006) PURSUANT TO M.P.E.P. §711.01**

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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §711.01, the Applicant hereby requests express abandonment of this application once appropriate USPTO staff has verified that Applicant's continuation patent application of yesterday is indeed copending with this current patent application. Applicant filed a continuation patent application (U.S. Application Serial No. 11/535,975, Confirmation No. 8347) yesterday, September 27, 2006. The Applicant notes that a one-month extension of time was filed in this case to keep it copending with continuation patent Application Serial No. 11/535,975. An outstanding Office Action in this case had a two month period of reply that expired on September 18, 2006. The one-month extension filed yesterday has extended this due date to October 18, 2006.

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If the Examiner or USPTO staff has any concerns regarding this letter of express abandonment, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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